

So they did not bring it. The correspondence was going on for a long time, and they were not sure whether it will come up in 1101.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

156. Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have received any memorials, petitions, etc., from the men in the Police force, and whether they have perused writings in newspapers indicating discontent amongst the superior staff of the Police force, by the import of fresh men to man the higher posts?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government have received petitions, and also perused the writings in newspapers; but they are not convinced that there is room for any reasonable discontent among the superior staff of the Police force.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Whether they are aware of the discontent has not yet been answered.

PRESIDENT.

We are to take notice of only reasonable discontent. We are to take only reasonable criticisms, but not unreasonable criticisms. Others are not worth notice.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

157. Will the Government be pleased to further inform what proposals, if any, they have before them at present for incurring expenditure not provided in the budget?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The member is again referred to the last part of the answer to question No 154.

The necessary expenditure has been sanctioned as additional allotment.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

The answer is I must refer to the answer to question No. 154. That answer particularly refers to Policemen. This is a general question that I have asked. My other questions refer only to the Police. If they have no other proposals, they could say they have not.

PRESIDENT.

Is it a general question or a particular question?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

It is a general question. I ask why the matter was not placed along with the budget before the Council. I have no

reason to anticipate this expenditure during the middle of the year.

PRESIDENT.

Rules provide for the incurring of expenditure on any proposal. Government has to place the proposals before the House, in case they are not provided for in the budget.

Mr. S. F. NUNEZ,

This is laid down in Rule 53.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

This is only with regard to votable items. In the case of non-votable items, the Government can grant supplementary allotments without the Council knowing anything about it.

PRESIDENT

Under section 16 (9) of the Regulation, in the case of expenditure in respect of non-votable items, they have only to place a statement before the House.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Have they any proposal before them for which expenditure will have to be granted?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

It is too general a question.

PRESIDENT.

Is there anything at present?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Nothing at present.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I was only pointing out that this may be a mistake.

PRESIDENT.

There are two cases in which supplementary grants are required, and these will be placed before the Council. There are no other proposals at present.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

158. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) the reasons or circumstances which led the Government to get a Police officer from the British service to hold the office of the Commissioner of Police;

(b) whether those reasons or circumstances are not still continuing; and if so, when they ceased?